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In re Application of  
Jonas Ormin  
Application No. 10/036,467  
Filed: January 7, 2002  
Attorney Docket No. LUND-0013

: DECISION ON PETITION  
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), filed September 2, 2003, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) for the benefit of priority to prior-filed PCT Application No. PCT/SE00/01462, filed July 8, 2000.<sup>1</sup>

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application(s), unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The instant pending application was filed on January 7, 2002, and was pending at the time of filing of the instant petition. A reference to the above-noted, prior-filed PCT application has been included in an amendment to the first sentence of the specification following the title, as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(iii).

<sup>1</sup> The filing of the instant petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) is appropriate as the prior claim for benefit was not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2). Note MPEP Section 201.11, Subsection D. Reference Must Be Included in the Specification or an Application Data Sheet (ADS), last two sentences (Rev. 1, Feb. 2003, page 200-70).

The instant nonprovisional application was filed after November 29, 2000, and the claim herein for the benefit of priority to the above-noted, prior-filed PCT application is submitted after expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). Also, the reference to the above-noted, prior-filed PCT application was submitted during the pendency of the instant nonprovisional application. See 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c). Accordingly, having found that the instant petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) to the above-noted, prior-filed PCT application satisfies the conditions of 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), the petition is granted.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the above-noted, prior-filed PCT application, accompanies this decision on petition.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed application(s) under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) should not be construed as meaning that the instant application is entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application(s). In order for the instant application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application(s), all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(1) and (a)(2) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed application should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed application noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the instant application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

As authorized, the \$1,300 fee required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)(ii) will be charged to petitioner's Deposit Account No. 50-1393.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2858 for consideration by the Examiner of applicant's claim under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(1) and (2) for the benefit of priority to the above-noted, prior-filed PCT application.

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